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**MINUTES**

Thursday, October 8, 2009 Meeting  
6:00 p.m.  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374-A

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

John Hybarger, Chairperson  
Timothy Jones, Vice Chair  
Sandra Aronberg  
Brad Nuremberg

**STAFF PRESENT**

Martha Arana  
Sandra Barbee

**EXCUSED ABSENCE**

Greg Bombard

**INVITED GUESTS**

Rebecca Barboza, State Department of Fish & Game  
Mr./Mrs. Steve Marschke, Society for the Conservation  
of Big Horn Sheep

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Hybarger called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 9, 2009 MINUTES**

**On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Vice Chair Jones and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the July 9, 2009 minutes with the following correction:**

Page 3, Commissioners' Reports: "This event was sponsored by the City of Los Angeles Caltrans, ..."

**REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Fish and Game fund balance as of June 2009 is \$115,019.80.

Outstanding encumbrances for this period are \$12,500: Cerritos Kids Fishing Derby; Knabe Katch Fishing Derby; and San Gabriel Mountains Bighorn Sheep. Discussion ensued on fees (fines), and that the Commission forwarded a letter in the past to the Presiding Judge emphasizing adjudicated cases.

**On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Nuremberg and unanimously carried, the Commission received and filed the financial report.**

### **STAFF REPORT**

Martha Arana, Staff, distributed the July 2009 County Digest featuring young anglers' fishing derby at Cerritos Regional County Park.

### **GAME BIRD HERITAGE & APPRENTICE PROGRAM (PRESENTATION BY NICHOLAS BECHTEL, DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME)**

Mr. Bechtel was unable to attend the meeting in that he is preparing for the first pheasant hunt. Discussion ensued on the benefits provided to youth by this Program scheduled in October and sponsored by Los Angeles County.

### **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO DISBURSE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 TO THE "SOCIETY FOR THE CONSERVATION OF BIGHORN SHEEP" TO BE ALLOCATED TO FUND HELICOPTER FLIGHT TIME RELATED TO THE "SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS SHEEP RESTORATION PROGRAM."**

Rebecca Barboza, State Department of Fish & Game, informed the Commission that funds owed for use of a helicopter (\$7,500) was on hold until the authorized party to receive payment is identified.

In response to Commissioner Aronberg regarding the recent fires and their affect on habitats, Ms. Barboza reported that the Big Horn Sheep habitat in the San Gabriel wilderness at the edge of Twin Peaks was disappointing to the Department in that fire level clearance was low to moderate. However, as a result of the recent fire the far western edge of Twin Peaks had been cleared and Big Horn Sheep were found at Mount Waterman and the Devils' Punch Bowl, an area that is expected to replenish itself.

Chairperson Hybarger introduced Mr. and Mrs. Steve Marschke, President of the Society for the Conservation of Big Horn Sheep, who advised that the Bighorn Sheep Society can administer the grant without an administrative cost in that it is run by volunteers.

Following further discussion, **On motion of Commissioner Nuremberg, seconded by Commissioner Jones and duly carried (Chair Hybarger abstained), the Commission approved to disburse funds to the *Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep* in the amount of \$7,500, with a six-month review and presentation of findings**

**requested, to fund helicopter flight time related to the “San Gabriel Bighorn Sheep Restoration Program.”**

### **COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS**

- Chair Hybarger reported that the State is preparing to engage in a Lobster Fisheries Management Study, however, they are looking for a \$1 million partnership. The County Commission will be contacted soon to participate in meetings.
- In addition, the Federal Government is working on procedures for a National Park that includes some Watershed areas and a final draft is expected in 2010, which will require Congressional approval. This includes changing the use and management of the San Gabriel Mountains/Angeles National Forest as it relates to activities, recreation and access. More information can be found on the National Parks Service website and the site provides an opportunity to be placed on their mailing list for updates.
- He also reported that the California Fish and Game study, by Dr. Burbliek and Steve Hall, on the San Gabriel Mountains, has data on factors affecting the population and management implications. Copies were distributed (copy on file).

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

### **MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING)**

Scholarship awards will be discussed at a future meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Commissioner Nuremberg, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.